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GENEVA FOR USDEL SECRETARY

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TAGS: PFOR, RH, UK
SUBJECT: FOREIGN SECRETARY'S LETTER TO SECRETARY
VANCE

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE FOREIGN OFFICE THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN TO SECRETARY VANCE.
2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR CY, I AM SURPRISED THAT, IN VIEW OF THE UNDERSTANDING WE REACHED AT THE DOWNING STREET MEETING, YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE HAVE APPRENTLY AGREED TO A JOINT STATEMENT IN PLENARY WHICH SAYS THAT WE FIND OURSELVES UNABLE TO ASSOCIATE OURSELVES "AT THIS TIME (UNDERLINED) WITH SOME (UNDERLINED) PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND OF
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COURSE OF THE PROGRAM OF ACTION" AND TO MAKE MILD RESERVATIONS SEPARATELY IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. I STILL BELIEVE THAT IN VIEW OF THE UNACCEPTABLE PASSAGES IN THE DECLARATION, PARTICULARLY THE REFERENCES TO CHAPTER VII, WE SHOULD DISSOCIATE OURSELVES CLEARLY FROM THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND FROM THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AS A WHOLE. I BELIEVE THE CREDIBILITY OF OUR

POSITION, BOTH AT THE CONFERENCE AND SUBSEQUENTLY, DEPENDS ON OUR JOINTLY MAINTAINING THAT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAKE IT ESSENTIAL TO AVOID ANY COMMITMENT THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL OR WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE OUR CURRENT INITIATIVES. ONCE WE START TO ERODE THAT POSITION BY PARTIAL ACCEPTANCE OF BITS OF THE DECLARATION AND DISSOCIATION FROM OTHERS THE INTEGRITY OF OUR STANCE WILL BE LOST. I HOPE THEREFORE THAT OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN MAPUTO CAN AGREE THAT THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE JOINT STATEMENT SHOULD READ "IN THE LIGHT OF THE INITIATIVE WE HAVE TAKEN, WE FIND OURSELVES UNABLE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE DRAFT DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAM OF ACTION". SINCERELY, DAVID END TEXT

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